

~~McKee-Could Home~~ "Hill of Howth"
Eutaw, Alabama
BOLIGEE, GREENE CO.
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"HILL OF HOWTH"
(JOHN Mc KEE - GOULD HOME)
NEAR Boligee, Greene County, Alabama.

Ownership:

Present Owner: John McKee Gould.

Previous Owner: John McKee.

Date of Erection: 1816.

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: John McKee.

Present Condition: Excellent.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Frame; wood interior; porch across
the front; Greek Revival.

Other Existing Records:

See: Birmingham News, August 26, 1934.

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See: Birmingham News, June 24, 1934.

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Additional Data: Not far from Boligee we have the "Hill of Howth", the pioneer house of Colonel John McKee - Indian agent to the Choctaw and Cherokee, and later member of the House of Representatives.

This is said to be the earliest structure known to exist in West Central Alabama, and was first occupied in 1816. Its charm lies largely in the fact that it is entirely a log structure, the logs still showing the marks of the whip saw. The house is in a splendid state of preservation and has been continually occupied for three generations by Goulde.

The home is reminiscent of the pioneer—furniture, fireplace, all are quite in character. The owner carefully preserves records and books of John McKee and the elder Gould, particularly as concerns correspondence with Lafayette's visit to Alabama. Accompanying illustrations show the excellent preservation and character of this home, the interior view showing the whip saw with which the timbers were cut.

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